



Illinois Campers On Mission

February 2024

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President's Letter—

Hello, COM Family,

Happy New Years, wishing you a great year and may it be full of blessings!! We will start our new COM year by praying to let GOD lead us and guide us in our plans to do His will.

Looking forward in seeing everyone at February fling at Lake Sallateeska on Feb 23th to 24th. Please let me know if you need a room and you have not contacted me yet.

We are planning another great year in 2024. Come and find out where you can serve this year.

Included in this newsletter is the 2024 registration form for the National Rally. Please consider signing up and supporting Indiana. They are using a new format for the rally activities.

Philippians 3:13

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead



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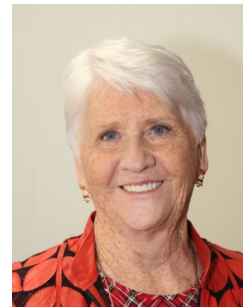
Chaplain's Chatter—

1 Corinthians 13:4–8a (ESV) Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

February—the month of love. What does the Bible say about love? In short, A LOT. Love is a central theme in the Bible and is a primary attribute of God. But we often fail to see the true beauty and depth of what God's Word is communicating. Our language only has 1 word for love, whereas there are 4 types of love in the Greek language. These 4 types of love teach us the depth of God's love and how we show love to those around us.

The world around us would have us clearly understand eros—romantic love—as shown in tv, movies, book, advertisements, photos. The bible would have us aim for agape love—God's love, sacrificial love—obedience, selfless, shows action.

It is easy to love those who love us but we need to follow Christ's example to love those most unlovable, too. It is hard and uncomfortable and messy and not always pleasant but that should be our goal in COM and in life. Our goal and our challenge for 2024!



Marilyn



John 13:34

34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

2024 Tentative Schedule

Feb 23 & 24	February Fling Planning Meeting, Lake Sallateeska, Pinckneyville
April 21—27	Lake Sallateeska Work Project, Pinckneyville Spring Rally & auction (April 26 & 27)
May 13—17	Streator Baptist Camp, Streator, IL
June 3-7	COM National Rally, Elkhart, IN
July TBD	Morningstar Mission, Joliet, IL
Aug. 18—23	Baptist Children's Home, Carmi, IL
Sept. 15—20	New Hope BC, South Pekin, 114 2nd St., Pekin
Oct. 21-25	Fall Rally, Lake Sallateeska, Pinckneyville

Additional Dates at The Great Passion Play (See Don Kragness for info)

March 13—29	opening up the set, cleaning from winter, doing repairs
Oct. 21—Nov. 2	closing up the set, putting things away, doing repairs
Jan. 2025	traveling to Piney Woods Camp, Texas

Praying for friends
to comfort you,
faith to uphold you,
and loving memories
to heal your heart.

Our hearts are broken for the loss of some COM members and their families.

Please lift up Betty Riley and her family at the loss of her husband, Wayne, on Dec. 28, 2023. If you would like to send Betty a card, her address is 3404 Upper Salem Rd, Metropolis, IL 62960.

Please lift up Pattie Noeth and her family at the loss of her husband, Jim, on January 1, 2024. Pattie's address is 2209 Cleveland Blvd., Granite City, IL 62040. Many of you know Jim and Pattie from their sacrificial servanthood at Lake Sallateeska for many years. Jim fought a hard battle with breast cancer and was a tireless warrior reminding other men that breast cancer is not just in women.

Please lift up Tim Bredt and his family at the loss of his wife, Donna. She passed after a brief illness. Tim and Donna have been great prayer warriors and servants for God in their local church.

Please lift up Red Collins and his family at the loss of his wife, Marianne. They were COM members in the past and have continued to pray for us.

Memorial gifts have been sent to their designated place for these wonderful children of God who have served so well. Our deepest sympathies go to these families and we continue to pray for God's care and peace to comfort them.



**Campers on Mission
End of Year Treasurers Report
December 31, 2023**

Balance Savings 1-1-2023	\$ 5,002.92
Balance Checking 1-1-2023	\$ 3,043.46

Income:

Auction	\$ 3,425.00
Background Checks (income to have background checks done)	\$ 60.00
Christmas Luncheon	\$ 532.00
Clothing	\$ 445.00
Donations	\$ 1,555.00
Transfer from savings to pay IBSA camp project	\$ 3,000.00

Total Income:	\$ 9,017.00
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Expenses:

Background check expenses (processing fees with Christian Background Checks)	\$ 77.80
COM National Expenses donation	\$ 100.00
Clothing (purchase of magnets, clings, clothes)	\$ 630.84
Evangelism supplies & materials (printing of evangelism cards, bear supplies)	\$ 752.13
Food (Spring Fling, Projects, Christmas Lunch, Fall Rally)	\$ 2,548.57
IBSA camp project (Lake Sallateeska—a pre-approved gift from 2022)	\$ 5,000.00
Memorials (3 memorial gifts of \$25 each)	\$ 75.00
Misc. (Donation to Michigan COM for Nat'l Rally, award plaques)	\$ 328.00
Postage	\$ 120.00
SBC National Booth donation	\$ 100.00
Work Project Expenses (electrical panel at Hamilton)	\$ 957.28

Total Expenses	\$10,689.62
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Balance Checking 12-31-2023	\$ 1,506.74
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Balance Savings Account 12-31-2023	\$ 2,010.83
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Treasurer's Note from Dick Mowers:

As you can see above, COM slightly overspent our income again this year. Most of the expenses were approved budgeted items so they were pre-authorized payments and some were emergency needs. We have been blessed by generous donations, especially some COM members who have sent in monthly giving checks. Thank you to those people and may you be blessed for this giving. We also have been very careful with food expenses and had several project locations feed us. We also had a great auction in Spring that helped a lot.

If you have any questions, please let me know. 309-945-1477 or mowersphoto@gmail.com



Campers on Mission National Rally Registration Form

June 4-6, 2024

Elkhart Campground, 25608 Co. Rd. 4, Elkhart, IN

Deadline for Registration is May 1, 2024

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (Cell) _____ (other) _____ Email _____

Member of _____ COM State Chapter _____ Region No. _____

Additional Guests: # of Adults _____ Names _____

of Children _____ Ages of Children _____

Your Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____

Registration Fee (per unit) \$ 40.00

The following fees are good from Sunday night 6/2 – Thursday night 6/6

Camping Fee: \$45.00 per night # of nights _____ @ \$45.00 /night \$ _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

RV Type: MH Class C 5th Wheel TT

RV length: _____ # Slides: _____

What type of electricity do you need: 30 50

I will need a handicap site: Yes No

Rally T-shirts: \$19.00 each

How many each size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____ \$ _____

Display Tables:

Table(s) @ \$10.00 each # _____ \$ _____

TOTAL FEES FROM THIS SIDE: \$ _____

TOTAL FEES FROM OTHER SIDE: \$ _____

TOTAL OF ALL FEES: \$ _____

* Indiana COM is working on creating a list of hotel/motels in the area for those who would like to attend but need another option other than camping. Watch for that information in March.

MARK YOUR FOOD PREFERENCES ON BACK

TUESDAY MEAL:

Boneless Grilled Pork Chop & Gravy

Fried Chicken Drumstick

Buttered Sweet Corn , Green Beans , Melon Sampler

Dinner Roll with Butter Lemonade, Tea, Water

Pie and Cake Bites

Tuesday Adult Evening Meal @ 5:30 p.m. \$20.00/ea. X _____ \$ _____

Tuesday Kids Meals @ 5:30 p.m. 12 and under are free X _____ \$ _____

Kids Meal:

Chicken Nuggets Meal

WEDNESDAY MEAL:

Roast Beef

Baked Italian Parmesan Chicken

Baked Potato/butter & sour cream , Baked Beans and Mixed Vegetables

Tossed Salad , Roll and Amish Peanut Butter

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water

Assorted Pies

Wednesday Adult Evening Meal @ 5:30 p.m. \$20.00/ea. X _____ \$ _____

Wednesday Kids Meals @ 5:30 p.m. 12 and under are free X _____ \$ _____

Kids Meal:

Will be fed the same food as adults

President (Spouse) Business Meeting/Luncheon

Wednesday, June 5th @ 12:00

Check one: President VP Regional Rep Delegate

Attending _____ @ \$20.00/each \$ _____

THURSDAY MEAL:

Fried Chicken

Polish Sausage

Kluski Noodles

Red Skinned Potatoes/chicken gravy , Green Beans , Sweet and Sour Cabbage

Dinner Roll with Butter Fruit Parfait or Cheesecake Cups

Lemonade, Tea, Water

Thursday Adult Evening Meal @ 5:30 p.m. \$20.00/ea. X _____ \$ _____

Thursday Kids Meals @ 5:30 p.m. 12 and under are free X _____ \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Kids Meal:

Mac 'n Cheese Meal

Mail registration form and money to: Questions – please contact:

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COM work never stops.

One team has been in Pineywoods, Texas working with Philip & Stephanie Hall and their family. Another team will be going to Streator Baptist Camp to work with Jacob and Katie on the prep work for a big project in the Prairie Center.

I know some of you have been helping with ramp builds, serving in the Samaritan's Shoe Box sorting facilities, some have been serving in food pantries and homeless shelters, all have been serving in your local churches, and many members have been working on sewing projects (bears, drawstring bags, embroidery squares for the quilt from the pieces given at Morningstar) and so much more.

Please share with us and send photos of some of the work you have been doing for the Lord while we have been apart. It encourages others and brings us all a little closer together.

February Fling Information

Where: Lake Sallateeska, Pinckneyville, IL

When: February 23 & 24, 2024, come anytime Friday afternoon—right before lunch on Saturday

Cost: Hotel rooms are available at the inn. 16 rooms at \$25 each night

Food: The main dish will be provided for supper on Friday night (BBQ chicken). Bring side dishes and serving utensils. Coffee and hot cocoa will be provided.

You are welcome to bring a snack to share during the evening fellowship/game time.

Breakfast on Saturday will be breakfast casseroles and pastries.

Activity: There will be a prayer time and short business meeting on Saturday morning and Don would like to get the singers together that will be singing at the 2024 National Rally. Time for games, catching up with others and being together.

RSVP to Fred Riley if you are planning to attend and have not contacted him so far. 618-508-3917



Remember!

Just a little reminder - - - If you took some of the quilt blocks home to be embroidered that we got at Morningstar Mission in September, please bring them back to the February Fling when you come.

Hopefully you have had time to get them finished but bring them even if you need more time. We need to know how everyone is doing on them, plan a design to put them together and where we want to donate them. Some suggestions were the COM auction in April, the National Rally as a grand prize or see if Morningstar could use them in one of their fund-raisers. Other ideas are welcome if you have a great idea.



For Sale: A friend of Jim Noeth's has an RV for sale. It is a 2022 Coachmen Leprechaun 260DS Premier with only 2,100 miles. If you go to this link, you'll find all the information about this vehicle. <https://nationalvehicle.com> (put 158518 in the search box). The man is located in Granite City and the RV is currently in indoor storage in East Alton. If you are interested, email Gary Grandidier, glgrandidier@gmail.com.



Work and fellowship done by the team in Texas

